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SUBJECT: INVITATION FROM FAS COOPERATORS FOR IRAQ

PURCHASING OFFICIALS TO VISIT US

REF: BAGHDAD 0971

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ASA) AND U.S. FEED GRAINS COUNCIL (USFGC) WOULD LIKE TO JOINTLY SPONSOR TRIP TO U.S. FOR MOHAMMAN RAHIM FARAJ AND JUSAIN AL-ANI. SUGGESTED DATES ARE AUGUST 21-31. PROPOSED ITINERARY TO INCLUDE TRADE CONTACTS IN NEW YORK, FAMILIA-RIAZATION WITH PRICING MECHANISM OF CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE, SOYBEAN AND CORN PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY CAPABILITY IN ILLINOIS, HANDLING AND SHIPPING FACILITIES AT PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, AND USDA CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ASA AND USFGC WILL PROVIDE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE AND DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION ECONOMY CLASS, PLUS STANDARD USG PER DIEN.

2. USINT GROUP REQUESTED TO CONTACT FARAJ AND AL-ANI AND
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CONVEY PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS TO TWO COOPERATORS (ASA AND

USFGC). IF IRAQIS HAVE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR ITINERARY, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RESPOND TO THEIR REQUESTS. SUGGESTED DATES (AUG. 21-31) PREFERRED BY COOPERATORS BUT THIS COULD BE ALTERED. HOWEVER, SUFFICIENT

TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. FAS AND OUR COOPERATORS GREATLY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING OUR EXPORTS OF SOYBEANS AND FEED GRAINS TO IRAQ AND IN CARRYING OUT MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY THAT WILL EXPAND THE USE OF THESE PRODUCTS.

3. USINT GROUP ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER GREATLY APPRECIATED. REPLY BY CABLE REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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